MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

Wednesday, 17th March 1954.

The House met in the Legislative Assembly Hall, Old Public Offices, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI H. SIDDAIYA, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ನಾಯ್ಡು (ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ).— ನಮಗೆ ಈಗ ಕುಳಿತಿರುವ ಬೆಂಚಿನಿಂದ ಅನೇಕರು ಕಾಣುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಬೆಂಚನ್ನೇಕೆ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಬಾರದು? ಇದನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅದನ್ನು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

Mysore Supplement of "Blitz".

Q.—146. Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY (Goribidnur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of copies of *Blitz* (Mysore Supplement) that the Government bought for the purpose of distribution;

(*b*) who were all the persons and institutions to whom these copies were sent;

(*c*) what was the purpose for which these copies were distributed;

(*d*) whether the Government or the Principal Information Officer had written to Educational Institutions directing them to exhibit these copies in a prominent place;

(*e*) what was the rate at which the copies were bought and the total amount paid to the Editor or Manager of this weekly?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) One thousand copies.

(*b*) All Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council, High Schools, Colleges, Heads of Departments, Deputy Commissioners of Districts and the Amildars of Taluks.

(*c*) For wide publicity of information contained therein.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Eight annas per copy—Rs. 500.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—Have the Government ever purchased by cash payment, the copies of any other weekly and distributed in the fashion they have done about this weekly, Sir?

*Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The question is about the Supplement and not about weeklies or dailies.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—I want to know, whether the Supplement or otherwise, if they have purchased such kind of weeklies and distributed among the public?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Sir, the question, I feel, is not quite relevant; if it is 'otherwise than the Supplement', I want notice.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—What are the special considerations which prompted this Government to distribute this weekly among the school children and legislators?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—So that the public may have the benefit of reading the articles in that issue.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—What is the information that they wanted to inform the public?

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is the answer in (*c*).

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—What is the special type of information that they wanted to convey to the public, Sir?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The Hon'ble Member is quite aware of it, Sir.

* Asterisk indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—Is it about the rule of the Chief Minister of Mysore, is it about the Tippu Sultan of Mysore, or his potential leadership? What is it about that they wanted to convey?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—If that is all the Hon'ble Member wants, he may have it.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—Are Government not publishing bulletins through their Publicity Department?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—They are.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—Are they not sufficient *modus operandi* to carry on this type of information to the public?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—We want to supplement the information that is being given in the bulletins.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—I want to know whether the Editor of that weekly has not described the members of this august House as "Gaddas" and "Gowdas"?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—All that is there is there in the issue.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—To which category our Chief Minister belongs, "Gaddas" or "Gowdas"?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I do not want to hazard an opinion regarding others.

Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY.—Is it not a fact that the Bombay High Court have recently passed an order that the Editor of this paper should pay a fine of ten thousand.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have ruled it out. It has nothing to do with this question.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—What are the other papers that have been shown this special favour, Sir?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I do not put it under the category of favour. If you want that information, I want notice.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Sir, has any amount been allotted by Government to purchase papers in this manner?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—For publicity there is an allotment.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ್.—"ಪಾಂಚಜನ್ಯ" ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯ ಎಷ್ಟು ಪ್ರತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಹಂಚಿದೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ್.—ಅದನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು?

Mr. SPEAKER.—He wants notice.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ವಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು "Blitz" ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೀಯವಾದ ಮಾತು ಗಳಿದ್ದುದನ್ನು ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತರಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅದನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕ್ಯುಲೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have answered that question.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ವಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಆ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇನ್ನೇನು ವಿಚಾರವಿತ್ತು?

Mr. SPEAKER.—A copy has been circulated.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ವಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಆ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ನಾನು ಬಿಸಾಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಆ ಕಾಪಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಸನ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವಮಾನಕರವಾದ ವಿಷಯವಿದ್ದುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is a matter of opinion, Sir.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರನ್ನು ಜಕಾಲ್ಸ್ ಎಂದು ಆ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಕರೆದಿರುವದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I do not know what is there exactly. But, what is there it is there. It is for the members to draw such inference as they wish.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ.—ತಾವು ಇದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಓದದೆ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಈ ರೀತಿಯ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿರಿ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I did not say that I did not read it.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರನ್ನು jackals ಎಂದು ಕರೆದು ಆ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿರುವುದು ನಿಜವೇ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I will leave it to you to find out what is there.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ.—ತಮ್ಮಿಂದ ಈ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ information ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ; ತಾವು ಓದಿದ್ದೇ ನೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I decline to give information on that.

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—Because you are a party to that I suppose?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Such imputations are not relevant.

Sri V. VENKATAPPA.—We know what is relevant and what is not relevant.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—What was the object of Government in sending copies to the members of this House? Was it to praise the Chief Minister?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have answered that question.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Will the Government tolerate when the House is described as consisting of Gowdas and daddas? For such a paper should you give encouragement?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The House is at liberty to take such action as it deems fit.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Are the Government at liberty to do what they like? Or are they governed by rules and regulations in this respect?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That question does not arise. Government works under the Constitution and under the control of the Legislature.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Yes; the control of the Legislature is to see that the Legislature is not dishonoured by the action of the Government. They expect the Government to safeguard the interests of this House also, to safeguard its honour.

Mr. SPEAKER.—You are repeating the same question.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—I will put another question. Was not the information conveyed through that paper, conveyed through Government reports, bulletins, and advertisements published in several other papers? What was that information which was not available to this House but was published by that paper in its special issue?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have answered that and I repeat it again. It is for wider publicity for our industries that the issue of the supplement has been accepted by the Government.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Even if it was meant for wider publicity, why was it sent to school children? Why was it sent to Assembly members? Let it be for wider publicity in Bombay State or all over the world. But why was it sent to every member of the House? What was the special information which was not already conveyed to the members but which the paper contained, I want to know. Should you not tell me the motive that impelled you to purchase copies of that paper and send them to members?

Mr. SPEAKER.—He has answered.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—He has not answered, Sir. Having read the paper, I want to know what is it that impelled the Government to purchase that paper and what is the special information that that paper wanted the members to know?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It serves as a propaganda for industrial development.

Accreditation of Journalists.

Q.—753. Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY (Malavalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the system of accreditation of journalists is in vogue in the State;

(*b*) if so, when the last accreditation took place;

(*c*) if the list is prepared after accreditation, the names of the journalists?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise in view of reply to (*a*) above.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are in the habit of sending invitation to journalists for the Press Conferences organised by the Government?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No invitations are sent but intimations are given.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—On what basis they are given?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—On the basis of reports appearing.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Is there any list available of journalists?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes.